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THE OREGON TITLE.

Mr. Rufus Blanchard, in an article to the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, questions the correctness of the position taken by numerous historians and geographers that Washington, Oregon, and Idaho were acquired through the Louisiana purchase. He undertakes to show that the title of the United States to the Pacific coast territory came not through the Louisiana purchase, but by right of discovery and exploration. Mr. Blaine, in his "Twenty Years of Congress," says: "The Louisiana purchase did not extend beyond the main range of the Rocky mountains, and our title to that large area which is included in the state of Oregon and the territories of Washington and Idaho rests upon a different foundation, or rather upon a series of claims, each of which was strong under the law of nations. We claimed it first by right of original discovery of the Columbia river by an American navigator in 1792; second, by original exploration in 1805; third, by original settlement in 1810, by the company of which John Jacob Astor was the head; and lastly and principally, by the transfer of the Spanish title in 1819, many years after the Louisiana purchase was accomplished."

Mr. Blanchard, however, does not allow so much weight to the Spanish title as Mr. Blaine gives it. He holds that the Spanish claims to the Pacific coast north of 42 degrees, which rested on the voyages of their early mariners who sailed along the coast, were too shadowy to hold their ground against the definite discoveries of Capt. Gray, of the ship Columbia, followed by those of the expedition of Lewis and Clarke; that we neither got any title nor claimed any title through the Louisiana purchase. Mr. Blanchard thinks it should be deemed unquestionable, since, when the boundary dispute came up between Great Britain and the United States, American rights were claimed to have their foundation solely in priority of discovery by Americans. But Bancroft, in his "History of the Northwest Coast," thinks "there can be no doubt that the explorations of 1774-5 gave to Spain as valid a title as mere discovery could give to all the Northwest coast." This, however, was disputed both by England and France, England claiming under discoveries reported by Cook in 1778, and France under discoveries by La Perouse in 1786. In 1789 Spain met these claims by sending an expedition to Nootka sound to erect a fort. England remonstrated, and so did France. In his recent history of the French revolution, J. Morse Stephens shows that the remonstrance on the part of France was one of the exciting incidents of the first stage of the great revolutionary movement in that country, and that war between France and Spain, in consequence of her action at Nootka, was at one time a probable consequence. But in the increasing excitement of the revolution the matter was soon forgotten by the French. The English, however, persisted, and Spain found it necessary to consent, in 1790, that the whole coast above San Francisco should be free to both nations for trade, navigation and settlement. But neither of the nations immediately made any effort in this direction, and two years later Capt. Gray's ship entered the Columbia river, and the United States began to claim by right of discovery and exploration a country which neither of the former claimants had actually explored, and where certainly they had maintained no settlements.

Nominally, indeed, by the treaty of 1819 we did get a title from Spain; but the Spanish title, by the public admissions of that country in its treaty with Great Britain, was nothing better than the right of joint occupancy with the English, and therefore it settled nothing. It simply eliminated the Spanish claim from the controversy. It would seem then that Mr. Blaine was in error in tracing our title chiefly to Spain, as are those also who trace it to the Louisiana purchase. We contested the title with Great Britain on the rights of discovery, exploration and occupancy, and finally settled the controversy by a compromise on the 49th parallel.

A VEXED QUESTION.

The mugwumps are dissatisfied with the course of the administration on the civil service question. Their criticisms are, however, mild. What they say, indeed, is in the form of expostulation rather than of criticism. For example, the New York *Evening Post* says of that part of the president's message which is devoted to this subject:

> It calls for only one word of criticism, which is that the reform as now embodied in the law will never be fully and heartily accepted by the people and politicians until its principles are upheld in dealing with appointments which the law does not cover. As long as these are made to any considerable extent on the spoils theory, the law will continue to be treated by politicians, with more or less approval and acceptance on the part of the public, as something fanciful and transitory, and the system of appointment by fitness will never take root in American political manners.

These are just observations. The *World* follows up the remarks of the *Post* by saying:

> If the civil service law, as applicable to 15,000 minor offices out of more than 100,000, great and small, is so vexed, why should its scope not be extended? It will probably be remembered that Presidents have not urged its enlargement so as to leave no appointments to be made at the Cabinet officers, on the spoils theory," that they have not made recommendations looking to the perfection of its details.

The *World* is a democratic paper, and that it may not be misunderstood, it adds: "We believe that the civil service law should cover more than about one-eighth of the federal offices, and these the least important; that the public service should be made honestly non-partisan, and that the test thereto should be capacity, fidelity and loyalty." And yet the *World* intimates that the civil service is not yet "understood and enough," because it thinks "spoils" are still in it, and it speaks well indeed of the civil service law because it "confines itself to fitness and platitudes without fighting signposts for practical progress in the good cause." We judge the *World* would find better if the president would make the civil service wholly non-partisan at once, by making it wholly democratic.

WHAT DEMOCRATS SAY.

As might be expected, some of the widely variant opinions among democratic members of congress upon the president's message. Mr. Cox of New York calls it "an admirable document." Mr. Springer of Illinois contents himself with the less intense word, "able." Mr. Holman of Indiana is pleased with everything in the message "except the tariff and civil service features." The indefiniteness of the message on the tariff question enables the opposite lights of the free trade and high protective wings of the party to give it an interpretation that satisfies both sides. Thus, Mr. Morrison of Illinois thinks the message "a better tariff document" than the first one, but he is "unwilling to talk about it," while Mr. Randall of Pennsylvania finds that the message is "a good one on the whole," and that "it leans a little more strongly toward the idea of protection than did the Chicago platform." When THE OREGONIAN printed the message it pointed out the fact that the utterances of the president on the tariff were more guardedly, which had no special meaning, and would be construed either way or both ways, according to the interests or prepossessions of different interpreters.

There are more radical differences of opinion as to the report of the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Campbell, a democratic member from Ohio, says: "I wonder how Secretary Manning can seek to untax the clothing of fifty millions people by giving them free wool and keeping a duty on manufactured woolen goods. I do not expect to see his recommendations adopted." Mr. Bland, chairman of the house committee on coinage, says: "The objections to the report of the secretary of the treasury on the silver question are that all his premises are assumptions. He assumes what is not admitted, that free coinage of silver would bring us to a silver basis. Again, he assumes that a gold basis is superior to a silver basis, which is not true in respect to the welfare of the masses. He assumes that in case we suspend coinage the pressure on gold would be so great as to compel Europe to restore silver; this is mere conjecture. But he fails to inform us as to the general result of suspension here in case it failed to bring about an international agreement. This generation will not live to see a single recommendation of the secretary on the greenback and silver question enacted into law." Mr. Cabell of Virginia declares that "if the recommendations of Secretary Manning are to be adopted the democrats may as well retire from the political field in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, for they will not carry a single congress district in Virginia; and all those states will go against them in 1888." Mr. Cabell was defeated in the late election, and he attributes his defeat to the objections of the people to the policy of the administration.

In Secretary Manning's report, now received in full by mail, there is a far clearer and more specific exposition of the fiscal ideas and financial policy of the administration than in the president's message. The secretary's report is written also with remarkable energy and vigor. But democratic members of congress who dissent from it declare that the secretary will not be permitted to commit the party to free wool, to an edition of silver coinage and to resumption and retirement of greenbacks from circulation. They say that the party "will put forth its views on these questions in its next national platform," and that "those views will not be the views of Eastern manufacturers or of the money kings of Wall street, either."

VIEWS OF SENATOR DAWES.

Senator Dawes of Massachusetts was submitted to a representative of the Philadelphia *Press* at Washington a statement of his views as to tariff reduction. These views very probably will become the basis of republican action in congress on the subject, since it is well known that they are held, substantially, by leading republicans in both branches of that body. In reply to a question, "What is your plan?" Mr. Dawes said:

> "Simply this: It is time the republican party showed that they were capable of presenting for consideration measure that will meet the condition of things that is seen so plain to be in the future. Some measures must become a law that will reduce the receipts somewhere about $100,000,000."
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> "That is very true, senator, and how would you do it?"
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> "First bring forward a tariff bill that would make sugar free, and cut off $45,000,000 of surplus revenue, then take the internal revenue tax off tobacco, and relieve the treasury of $26,000,000 more. Then take off the tax upon bank circulation and relieve the treasury of another million."
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> "Would you change the irregularities of the tariff?"
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> "Most decidedly. I would restore the original phraseology of the worsted tariff and save from the treasury of the $40,000,000 of excessive revenues and the employment to thousands of weavers both in your city of Philadelphia and in New England. I would take a like course in the matter of tin-plates and save $10,000,000 more. I would also put upon the free list every raw material that enters into the consumption or production of this country that is not produced here. Here's a tariff bill that will reduce the revenue $60,000,000. The other $10,000,000 I would appropriate to the rehabilitation of the navy and the coast defenses.
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> "Of course this is but an outline, but nevertheless you can hold it up right alongside of Morrison's bill and of Randall's bill and say to the country choose you between these."

ELIJAH SMITH.

This gentleman gets a big "send-off" in the Boston *Post* of December 5. We quote:

> The suggestion of Elijah Smith for president of the New York & New England in the contingency of the non-reelection of President Charles F. Clark is favorably received in railroad and financial circles. The names of both Mr. Elijah Smith and Col. Jonas H. French have been mentioned in that connection. Col. French, however, we understand, positively refuses to run, leaving the field, so far as known, open to Mr. Smith alone. The president of a leading Boston bank said to-day, in discussing the probabilities of Mr. Smith's election by the New York & New England presidency: "I think, in case Mr. Charles F. Clark cannot be re-elected, that Mr. Elijah Smith is the man for the place. When Mr. Villard ran his Oregon Transcontinental bank measure up the pages of the Northern Pacific, which had previously wrecked Jay Cooke and a number of others, the cry of those on board was, 'Give us a good railroad man for a pilot, and the only man for the position possessing the qualifications needed and, at the same time, having the confidence of the community, was Mr. Elijah Smith. The selection proved a wise one. Order has been restored out of chaos and the Oregon Transcontinental securities are constantly gaining in public favor. As a stockholder in the New York & New England, I should say if we cannot have Mr. Clarke next year, by all means give us Mr. Elijah Smith." Another gentleman, prominent in railroad circles, said: "I see they are booming my old friend Elijah Smith for the presidency of the New York & New England. You cannot find in this country a better developed man for that position than Mr. Smith. Mr. Clark, both as receiver and president, has succeeded wonderfully well in extricating his property from the slough in which it was in danger of sinking under the old Wilson regime. What the road now needs most of all is to become part of a through line from Boston to New York. Its relations to the Boston & Albany have been delicate in the extreme. While the New Haven management desired to throw the bulk of their business over the New York & New Haven, they also wished to go through fear of the Albany. Elijah Smith is the man to stop in, heal existing differences, and bring about the leases and consolidations needed in order to put the New England what it was originally designed to be—the great passenger and freight thoroughfare between Boston and New York. This man Smith, Elijah Smith, is the man the New York & New England needs. His relations with prominent parties in New York and Boston will give him great prestige as a railroad diplomat, and a railroad diplomat is just the thing for the New York & New England." Another gentleman said: "If there is one thing that commends Elijah Smith to the Boston community it is his holdings. He owns half of the New England stock is in New York, and Mr. Smith is about the only large holder there who is not disposed to have it known that he owns it. Instead of the Boston people thinking that their interests and only appear by proxy, Smith dares to tell his friends that he is in the 'deal,' and I honor him for his courage. I remember Cyrus Smith of old, when he fretted the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, when they were trying to absorb some of the smaller Iowa roads which he was saving for their stockholders. And I the time I could tell some funny stories about those old fights of his. He and his rivals came out afraid then, and I believe that if the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific is ever to be what both he and that road will come out afraid again."

MEETING NOTICE.

Portland Chapter No. 3, R. A. M.—A regular convocation this day (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock. Masonic Hall, Washington st. Work in the M. M. degree. By order of the M. E. High Priest.

A. U. MARQUAM, Secretary.

Columbian Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this evening, Wednesday, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the initiatory degree. By order of the N. G.

H. S. ALLEN, Secretary.

DIED.

In this city, Dec. 13, Mrs. Maggie Burk, aged 30 years. Funeral notice hereafter.

NEW TO-DAY.

TRAVELERS—SELECT A TRUNK, VALISE OR Grip from the largest assortment in the city. Prices to suit purchasers. C. H. HOUGHTON, 20 and 22 Sixth st.

$600—CORNER LOT & DWELLING

Home, centrally to suit a family from two to three rooms; lot 50x100 feet; on Hoyt st., between Fifth and Sixth sts. Inquire of Mrs. E. KING ARMSTRONG, 250 Hoyt st.

25 ACRES, SIX MILES FROM EAST PORTland. Everything cultivated; ten acres sheltered and fenced; small log house; good well; two acres fine timber; two horses; a new wagon and harness; also a half dozen fine cows; 25 bushels of potatoes, and 40 cords of wood. All only $1,250; much bought. If you want a bargain don't overlook this. Exchange—Or for city property, or two lots in Improved property. A. R. LOGAN, corner L and Fourth sts., East Portland. 30dmf

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HENRY HEWETT & CO'S INSURANCE AGENCY

Have removed from 38 Stark st., to their former office,

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Between B and C streets—up stairs. 15dtf

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Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler, N.E. cor. First and Morrison, under Occidental.

NOTICE.

The wreck of the "Carmarthen Castle," lying in Neatue a Bay, will be sold at auction on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 1886, at 12 M., at the corner of B and Front sts., Portland, Or.

DEE SEVER, WILSON & CO., Agents.

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Fine Oil Paintings!

From the Easels of European and American Artists.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 15th, At 2 O'clock P. M.

—AND—

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 15th, At 7 O'clock P. M.

N. B. The above choice goods will be sold without reserve. Parties who desire to beautify their homes will find this a grand opportunity. Ladies are particularly requested to attend this sale.

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PRECEDED BY A

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BILL OF FARE:

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Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 P. M.

ADMISSION to the Dinner, 50 cents. Refreshments during the evening.

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—OF—

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AT EAST PORTLAND.

We will sell at our salesroom, No. 41 First st., East Portland,

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15, AT 10 A. M.,

the entire stock of furniture, Mattings, Carpets, Stoves, Pictures, Mirrors, Lounges, Tables, Chairs, Bedsteads, Bedding, Crockery, Glassware, Cooking Stoves and Kitchen Furniture.

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Two second-hand Fairbanks Standard Scales, with platforms complete, 1,000 pounds capacity; one second-hand Fairbanks Standard Scale, with platform complete, 2,000 pounds capacity. Apply to

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NEW STAND FOR SODA AT ROHLER'S, Chemist, 51 First st.

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WANTED—NURSE GIRL; MUST HAVE SOME references. Apply at 90 Fourth st.

WANTED—LADDERS, LIKE R. R. WORK; must be cheap. 15 FIRST KNOWLES, 166 First st.

SICK HEADACHE—TAKE A DOSE OF HAY'S Health Regulator. Price, 25 cents per bottle.

TO PHYSICIANS—A FINE SIX-INCH FULL battery with induced coup. Address Battery, this office. 15dtf

THE FURNITURE OF A FIVE-ROOM HOUSE for sale; the house can be rented. Call at 53 North Fifteenth st.

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DRESSMAKING AT REDUCED PRICES. Dresses made from $3.00 at MRS. WHEELER'S, Parlors, 29 Washington st. Take elevator.

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FOR SALE—GOOD COTTAGE AND TWO LOTS in the Second Addition; house and lot near the cable; only $800; $200 cash, balance $15 per month. Apply to JOHN N. CROSS, room 6 Ladd's Block. 15dtf

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SEBASTIAN, CAPTAIN KOENIG FROM Shanghai, Sailed the master and consignee of the above named vessel will not be responsible for any debts that may be contracted by the crew. JAMES CAIRNAW & CO., Consignees.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP—THE partnership heretofore existing between Geo. A. Masser and E. F. Phillips, under the firm name of Masser & Phillips, in Seventh Addition to East Portland, is herewith dissolved. All debts will be collected by Fred Plate, who will also pay all debts owing by said firm. GEO. A. MASSER, E. F. PHILLIPS.

BRICK FOR SALE BY CHASE, CAPE COUTLOUP & Co., Victoria, B. C.—Neither the master nor the owners of the above named vessel will be responsible for any debts that may be contracted by the crew. JOHN REID & CO., Consignees.

STOLEN FROM THE HOUSE OF CAPT. S. E. Mahon, on Sunday, December 5th, a [illegible] Any one giving information that will lead to the recovery of the same will be liberally rewarded. Apply to Capt. S. E. Mahon, Portland, Or.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE—THE FIRM OF JONES & Wood, Wood, Jr., Merchant Tailors, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the firm will please call and settle their accounts immediately. All persons having claims against the firm will present them for payment. The business will be continued at the old stand, 128 First st., by R. A. JONES.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP—NOTICE IS hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of Chan Wenke & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to the said firm are requested to call and settle their accounts immediately, and all persons having claims against the said firm will present them for payment. CHAN WENKE, A. KUCHEL.

NOTICE OF SALE IN PURSUANCE OF AN order of the County Court of Multnomah county, Oregon, made on the 13th day of December, 1886, in the matter of the estate of Mary Wallace, deceased, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, the 18th day of December, 1886, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the store of Wallace & Co., on Front st., between Ankeny and Burnside sts., in the city of Portland, Oregon, all the right, title and interest of said Mary Wallace, deceased, in and to the following described personal property, to-wit: [illegible] MRS. MARY WALLACE, Executrix.

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THE FURNITURE OF RESIDENCE, consisting in part of

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AGENTS WANTED TO SELL OUR SPECIALties; good selling goods; every body buys; control the territory given. Address 131 Sherman st., San Francisco, Cal.

WANTED—AGENTS! HURRY UP AND SEcure an opportunity to handle the fastest-selling article on the Pacific coast. Call at room 37, third floor, corner Fourth and Morrison sts., or Second floor, cor. Fourth and Morrison sts., Portland, Or.

WANTED—AGENTS FOR THE ACME ELECtric Belt; for proof of practical utility, examine it tested by electricians. It received the first premium at last Mechanics' Fair, and all patents applied for awarded. Among the most distinct characteristics of Acme patent is medic electricity, one no other. For information as to its startling effects on the human system, write to, or call on, W. THOMAS, Acme Belt Agency, 91 First st., Portland, Oregon. 14dtf

WANTED—ONE PHYSICIAN OR DRUGGIST in each town on the coast to sell our Celebrated Pelectric Eclectic Magnetic Belts, and recommended by the leading doctors of America and Europe; will cure all nervous weakness and other troubles when medicines fail; mighty and other troubles when medicines fail; mighty and quick; have been in successful use four years; satisfaction guaranteed. Address DR. HILL, Manager and Proprietor of the Electric Belt Agency and the Electric Magnetic Co., office is the elegant Stone Block, First and Market sts., Lock box 307, Portland, Or. 13dtf

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SITUATION WANTED—BY A YOUNG MAN, in wholesale house; four references given. Address H. H., Oregonian. 15dtf

SITUATION WANTED—BY A GIRL, TO DO general housework in private family. Inquire 10 Fourth st., above Washington.

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A YOUNG LADY FAMILIAR WITH THE grade work of the public schools desires private pupils in the different branches of the English language. Apply at 109 West Park st. 2mlm

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A GIRL TO HELP IN KITCHEN and wait on table. Pacific Hotel, near Weidler's Mill.

WANTED—A GIRL FOR LIGHT HOUSEWORK and take care of children; wages, $12 per month; reference required. Call at 348 Washington st.

WANTED—Ladies and Gentlemen in city or country to take light work at their homes. $1 to $2 a day easily made; work sent by mail, no canvassing. We have a demand for our work, and furnish steady employment. Address, with stamp, CROWN M'F'G CO., 296 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WANTED—HELP.

WANTED—PIANO-PLAYER, AT THE GEM theater, East Portland, immediately; one well up in the variety business preferred.

WANTED—A BOY 15 OR 20 YEARS OLD TO work in a milk route and to clerk; state reference and wages expected. P. O. A. HEILMANN, Rossville, Or.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

HORSE WANTED—A LIGHT HORSE OR STOUT pony, suitable to pull and broke to saddle. HEILMAN BROS., Rossville, Or. 14dtf

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FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN, A MAGNIFICENT grain and stock farm of 160 acres, situate in Polk county, Or.-gon, 400 acres in cultivation; well watered; good buildings; large timothy meadows; terms very liberal. For full particulars, call at office of CRONISE & LAMBERT, East Portland, Oregon. 114dtf

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I require but a small cash payment and sufficient bond for a deed will be given upon payment of first installment of $15 [illegible] and sufficient bond for a deed will be given upon payment of first installment of the property will pass [illegible] when the lots are all sold, and will be sold in such a manner as shall be decided upon by a majority of the purchasers, and a warranty deed will be given for each lot after the [illegible] is made. The first installment is due [illegible] after the date of this division be made at no early date, as I am compelled to [illegible] purchasers desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity will please call at my office, 57 Washington street, between Third and Fourth, with the exact location of the property desired, and I will [illegible] for it.

Parties residing at a distance desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity will please address me at once, inclosing a [illegible] letter, money order or bank draft for the first installment by registered letter, money at my risk, and a bond will be returned [illegible] forwarded.

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U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE WEATHER REPORT

PORTLAND Dec. 14 9 10 P M

Name of Station.	Height of Barometer.	Temperature last 6 hours.	Temperature Thermometer.	Wind Direction.	Wind Velocity last hour.	Weather.	Rainfall in inches.
Portland	30.18	-03	40	S	6	Clear	.00
Walla Walla	30.26		40	S	00	Clear	.00
Lewiston	30.21	-09	39	Calm	00	Clear	.00
Boise City	30.—	-08	43	NW	00	Fair	.00
Baker City	30.23	-08	4	S	00	Clear	.00
Roseburg							
Umpqua		-18	36	NE	00	Fair	.00
Yaquina	30.24	-13	39	S	00	Clear	.00
Fort Stevens							

Minimum thermometer 5 degrees. Maximum 50 degrees.
Report at 11 A. M. of Dec. 14.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14—In the past forty-two hours rain has fallen in Oregon and Washington Territory, in Utah and in the western portion of Montana. Fair in Portland and Arizona, local showers.

AUCTION SALE TO-DAY.

Household Furniture at auction on Park, between Ankeny and Burnside streets, East Portland, at 10 o'clock A. M. [illegible] & Co.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Per steamship Oregon sailing hence carried the following passengers:

A Schernekau & wf
D Eade & wife
B Bleeman
S Waldman
Mrs Chamberlain
Mrs. John F Miller
Mrs Levy & dau
Sister Vincent
Jos Goldberg
Mrs O Douglass
J Q Shirley
J W Cook
F M French
S Hoffman
Mrs Isaacs & dau
C P Coy
A D Tourtellott
Mrs Good
Chas Weinshenk
Mrs Logan
E Barnes & wf
Mrs E M Ludwich

STATEMENT OF MAJOR BURKE.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, W T, Dec 13

EDITOR OREGONIAN—Sir: In your issue of the 12th, reflecting upon the judges who acted in the drill between Company G and the Seattle company, and upon the committee who received the prize, justice requires that the terms of the contract for the hour for commencement be known. This contract, signed by the captains and furnished to the judges for their guidance, distinctly states that G F M [illegible] to be [illegible] upon. After the judges arrived on the ground, and their arrival was unexpectedly delayed by more than an hour, they were in the hands of the committee.

It is very much to be deplored that the public [illegible] inconvenienced, and no one regrets this more than the judges. Very respectfully your obedient servant,
DANIEL W BURKE,
Lieutenant Fourteenth Infty, brevet major, U S A

SUPREME COURT.

SALEM, Dec. 14.

James Sellack appellant, vs. Londina A. Sellack, respondent; appeal from Marion county; argued and submitted. W S Powell, respondent, vs. the Dayton, Sheridan & Grand Ronde Railroad company; appeal from Yamhill county; argued and submitted.

CASES SET FOR HEARING.

Monday, Jan. 3, 1887—State vs Ah Sam; Ah Sue.

Tuesday, Jan. 4—Tyler vs Trustees of Tualatin Academy and Pacific universities et al.

Wednesday, Jan. 5—Hughes, admin strator of the estate of Lucy Davis, deceased, vs. [illegible] and Baker.

Thursday, Jan. 6—Joy vs. Stump.

SALEM, Dec 14

Mary E. Sheridan, respondent, vs. the City of Salem; appeal from Marion county; argued and submitted.

A NEW PIANO

Persons interested in the improvements made in the construction of musical instruments will be curious to know something about Mason & Hamlin's organ, just introduced into this city by Kohler & Chase, Bazaar street. Mason & Ham in have a world wide reputation as manufacturers of organs and have evidently given much thought to the improvement of their piano—the first placed on exhibition by them. The most important change is the mode of fastening the strings which they claim is a great improvement over the style generally used. Tuners upon examination will note a marked difference in the tension and tone of the new piano. The claim explained by Mr Klein manager of K & C, and his assistants at any time they call at the warerooms 71 Morrison street

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Who don't understand plain English will please to [illegible] to read my advertisement for them in plain [illegible] then be enlightened on the subject of [illegible]. My method of giving these prizes away is [illegible] and fair and square as can be. More [illegible] Very respectfully ARTHUR B. [illegible] Second and Morrison streets

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[illegible] to the public in plaintiff's suit [illegible] Japanese perfumes Kiku, White Lily, White Rose, White Jessamine, Peerless, Bouquet, Sozodont, Sanitaline and other odors. In addition to which we are always supplied with the finest perfumes. W M WISDOM Drug Store, corner First and Stark sts

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A FEARFUL DISASTER

Burning of a Mississippi Passenger Steamer.

THE LOSS OF LIFE HEAVY.

Heartrending Scenes as the Pierce Flames Swallowed Up Helpless Women and Children—

Statements of Survivors.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The steamer J. M. White, from Vicksburg, Miss., to New Orleans, burned at 10 o'clock last night at a point thirty miles above Baton Rouge. She had quite a number of passengers aboard, 2000 bales of cotton and 2,000 sacks of seed. Many lives are reported lost, but Capt. J. F. Muse, who was in command, telegraphed that only one life; the porter of the boat, is known to be lost. The boat and cargo were a total loss. The J. M. White was built in 1878 at a cost of $225,000, and was regarded by many as the finest and fastest boat ever run on the Mississippi river. The boat was owned by Capt. John W. Tabor. She was valued at $100,000 and the cargo at $200,000. The insurance on the boat is $20,000, and the cargo was doubtless fully covered. The White was the finest steamer on the river. She was en route to New Orleans and had a cargo of cotton on board, estimated at not less than 2000 bales. The surviving passengers and crew were carried to New Orleans this morning.

A THRILLING ACCOUNT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The *States* has the following account of the loss of the J. M. White, as gathered from the officers and crew: The boat had loaded to take on a pile of cotton seed, and there were between thirty five and forty roustabouts engaged in this work, when precisely at 10 o'clock everybody was startled by the loud striking of the bell by Watchman Tom Miller. Immediately after the cry of "fire" was taken up by twenty voices. In an instant the direst confusion reigned. Men dashed to and fro, and the work of securing the sleeping passengers was begun.

The fire was discovered by Thomas Barry, second engineer, who, with his partner Stephen Keane, was on watch at the time. The first intimation of the fire was a small light on top of the row of cotton bales amidship, which greatly resembled the flame of a lantern. Barry left his post to investigate, and was astonished to discover that the light was caused by a ball of cotton burning. Barry gave the alarm, and his voice rang throughout the deck room of the vessel. Watchman Miller took in the situation at once and rang the huge bell on the second deck. Miller stood at his post pulling the bell until the waves forced it to the water, and a draft being created, the flames swept through the center of the boat. Those who escaped were taken away from the scene of the conflagration by the Wild, which plies between Bayou Sara and Natchez. As the Wild was backing out three kegs of gun powder, that were in the hold of the White, exploded and cotton and burning timbers were hurled in all directions. This virtually put the fire out, and what was once a palatial steamer was now a blackened wreck.

When the Wild reached the river a loud cry for help came from the middle of the stream. A boat was lowered and was quickly pulled in the direction of the cry. Through the darkness the crew saw the figure of a man grasping a bale of cotton, but before they could reach him the bale turned over, and when it was righted the man was gone.

THE SECRET IN CONFINED WORDS.

Col. S. L. James was taken to his home, 277 Prytania street, on his arrival, where he is in a critical condition. He stated that the sight was horrifying, and could not be told. He positively declared that there must have been sixty persons lost, because out of sixty-five in the cabin he could only see himself and four others, among whom were E. C. Bowry, the engineer, F. Denery, a barber, Fred Gray, a porter, and J. Collins, deck watchman.

Denery said he would never forget the sight he beheld at St. Morris plantation, when the White was enveloped in flames. He was sure one child had been rescued and brought in to St. Morris plantation. On its knees, at the back room of the house, two cabin boys, two chambermaids, one fireman and one stevedore lost, besides Ed. Jackson, Amos Moss, Louis Walker, Piney Walker and another colored woman named Lucy.

"I do believe," continued Denery, "that the boat burnt up in about fifteen minutes after the first alarm was given."

A SURVIVOR'S ACCOUNT

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—A special from New Orleans, alluding to the burning of the steamer White, says: All the rescued people took the Mississippi Valley railroad train for this city, arriving this noon. Wm. McGreevy, chief engineer of the boat, gives this statement of the disaster: "At about 10 o'clock last night, while landing at Dr. Sargent's place, above the parish of Iberville, the Texas Cowpers, at which place the boat was loading cotton seed, a fire broke out amidship just aft between the engines, on top of the section below the texas or deck. Engineers Barry and Janney, who were on watch, gave the alarm, and the pumps were put to work, but without avail. The watch man gave the alarm by ringing the bell. Clerks Calhan and Bell at once aroused the people in the cabin. The fire spread rapidly, and in less than 4 been minutes the boat had burned to the water's edge. There were four tiers of bales in the immediate, and the moment the fire reached them the flames shot up about 100 feet high. The sight was the most heartrending one ever witnessed by a human being. The shrieking of women and children for help was awful. I saw the superintendent of the Vidalia Route railroad standing outside the ladies' cabin, throwing his two little daughters into the water. He stood there and burned to death with his wife. There were in the cabin three large passengers and about eight men. At New Texas landing the dead bodies were taken on board. All are supposed to be lost.

THE SURVIVORS.

It is learned that Andrew Pierce, sailor, and Antonio Bellatta, fireman, are the ones to whom all the credit of saving the steamer is due. The following officers are known to be saved: Capt. Muse, clerks A. McKay, O. Bell, and Calhahn; pilots Josh Stewart and Bob Smith; engineers Wm. McGrey, Tom Barry, A. C. Hallsen, and Steve Jeans; mates John Grant and Tom Trinbell; watchman Tom Miller; sailor Andy Pierce; stewards Wm. Brown and Snyder; Col. S. L. James, who was in a state room, managed to get ashore and had to walk two miles, without coat, hat or shoes, in the chilly winds before he could reach a railroad station, from which he took home at 277 Prytania street on his arrival here.

THE LOST.

Among the lost are: Loomis, second cook; Oscar, the baker; Ames, the porter; Dick Randolph, fireman. A price of $1,000 is on Randolph's head, raised to death, and two of its three keepers perished.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE LOSS OF LIFE.

Capt. Henry C. Brown, state engineer, who was a passenger on the White, estimates the loss of life at thirty-six. He gives the names of the following persons who were saved, but were all slightly injured and were left at Mr. Burgeido's: Miss Sophie Stiles, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; Mrs. Smith of Racine, Wis., and a gentleman and his wife, from Chicago, names unknown. There were about thirty cabin passengers, and a number of negro passengers. The number of deck passengers is unknown.

Mr. Brown says: "Wash Lloyd, formerly clerk on the Will S. Hays, ran through the cabin calling up the passengers, and, nobly lost his life, trying to save others. Caroline Miller, commander of the White, had been ill all day and was in bed when the fire broke out. The chief mate was in charge of the steamer. I had about ten feet the mark of the fire, and although I ran rapidly forward, when I reached the bank the fire was within twenty-five feet of me. I had on my underclothing. I did not see a soul in the cabin as I ran through. The cabin was in full blaze at the time, and the flames were rapidly eating their way to the hurricane deck."

Pilots Stout and Smith say that from the number of persons they saw around them in the river fully forty must have perished. Following is a list as far as ascertained of the white persons missing: B. H. Spofford, wife and daughter, of Vidalia; Capt. G. W. Floyd, a well known steamboatman; Mrs. Murray, of Natchez; Miss Agnes McCabe, of West Feliciana, and two other lady passengers, names unknown. Three men and one woman were walking on the hurricane deck when it fell in, and all disappeared in the flames.

THE COLORED PEOPLE BURNED.

Following is a list of the colored persons lost: Levi Robinson, captain of the Witch; two unknown negro women; Dick Randolph, fireman; Oscar Landre, pastry cook; Lewis Martin, second cook; Albert Brown, cabin boy; John Parker, cabin boy; Perry Williams, cabin boy; Amos Morse, porter; Edward Jackson, cabin boy; Piney Walker, chambermaid; Martha Washington, chambermaid; — Duncan, fourth cook; two negro preachers, names unknown; a negro woman and her son, aged 16, from Port Hickory; Velma Sutherson, and two negro women, each with an infant.

Two white men, Wm. Daley, of Nebraska, and Mr. Oberchain, of Kentucky, are thought to be lost. Mrs. Wade, of West Feliciana, had a miraculous escape. Capt. Floyd sacrificed his life in trying to save the lady passengers. All of the officers of the Witch were saved. Among those who perished were J. E. Garew and wife, of Ottawa, Ills.

FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The *Star's* London special says: Military preparations are proceeding rapidly. The army and navy intelligence is now the only paper is practically suppressed. Nothing is allowed to transpire at the dock yards, arsenal camps and government offices except official statements of ordinary movements of troops and reports of ships of war. The gravity of the situation abroad, in view of the armament of France, Germany, Russia and Austria, has effected a remarkable change in the relation of ministers within the past twenty-four hours. The coercion party are silenced by the necessity, now hourly more evident, of keeping Ireland quiet in the face of the prospect of a European war. Pressing instructions have been sent out by the admiralty for the immediate arming of several reserve torpedoes. The German government has received information that the French military party are urging Gen. Boulanger to initiate hostilities before Germany has had time to complete her preparations.

WELSH FARMERS.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Five Welsh farmers, leaders in the anti-tithe movement, have been distrained for failing to pay tithes. Mr. Gladstone writes to the Welch Liberation association that he regards their designs with interest, but at his age he must leave agitation to younger hands.

STANLEY'S EXPEDITION.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Henry M. Stanley's expedition for the relief of Emin Bey will start in February. The Egyptian government contributes £10,000 toward expenses, and a private gentleman has guaranteed the projectors against monetary loss.

THE ARMY IN EGYPT.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—England has decided to reduce the Egyptian standing army to 10,000 men and the army of occupation to 5000, thus largely reducing the cost of armament to the Egyptian government.

FRANCE.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC DEBATE.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The chamber of deputies today, by a vote of 508 to 12, passed the provisional budget for two months asked for by the new government. In the course of debate on the budget M. Clemenceau contended that a majority favored separation of church and state. He said the late cabinet was overthrown because it had remained stationary. The declaration of it had remained stationary. The declaration of it had remained stationary. The declaration of